

4,000 ft, along southern portions of the line.

The only significant weather thus far observed with a frontal rope has been moderate to heavy rain. Based on these observations, one is lead to conclude that cumulonimbus activity is rarely, if ever, associated with a

frontal rope in the central Pacific. If convective clouds of the scale noted were associated with significant cumulonimbus activity, it is likely that a cirrus shield would completely obscure the line on the satellite data, thus precluding identification as a frontal rope.

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